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1. According to the production plan for 1953, East Germany was to produce 42,005 metric tons of ferrosilicon. The following are the requirements of various sectors of East German industry:

Own use	18,550 metric tons
Ministry for Machine Construction	8,128 metric tons
SAG plants	5,886 metric tons
Local industry	459 metric tons
Coal	310 metric tons
Chemistry	1,634 metric tons
Various consumers	17 metric tons

Thus approximately 7,021 metric tons of ferrosilicon remain. In addition to this amount, 1,682 metric tons were left over from 1952. Therefore, a total of 8,703 metric tons are available for export. Since contracts for the export of 2,000 metric tons of ferrosilicon have been concluded with Czechoslovakia, DIA Metall and the Ministry for Foreign and Internal German Trade can still negotiate for the export of 6,700 metric tons.

2. The 1953 production plan provides for 18,530 metric tons of ferromanganese. In addition to this amount, 6,250 metric tons are to be obtained from imports; thus, a total of 24,830 metric tons of ferromanganese are to be available for distribution to East German consumers. Requirements for various sectors of East German industry are as follows:

Own use	17,169 metric tons
Ministry for Machine Construction	5,218 metric tons
SAG plants	2,756 metric tons
Local industry	292 metric tons

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Coal 185 metric tons

Various consumers 30 metric tons

Thus, 3,180 metric tons of ferromanganese, as well as 635 metric tons remaining from 1952, are available for export. Of this amount, 600 metric tons have already been delivered, while 3,200 metric tons remain to be exported.

3. According to the 1953 plan, 13,960 metric tons of ferrochromium were to be produced. The following are the 1953 requirements for East Germany:

Own use 4,078 metric tons

Ministry for Machine Construction 1,317 metric tons

SAG Plants 2,102 metric tons

Coal 80 metric tons

Various consumers 30 metric tons

Thus, 6,353 metric tons remain. To this amount, must be added 456 metric tons which were left over from 1952. Of the total of 6,809 metric tons available, 1,100 metric tons have been contracted for by Czechoslovakia and are in the process of being delivered. Therefore, 5,700 metric tons of ferrochromium remain to be exported.

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